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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE; MULTI-REGIONAL
PROJECT ON FOOD AND NUTRITION, APRIL 20 - MAY 19, 1975

SUMMARY: AS A FOLLOWUP ACTIVITY TO THE WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A MULTI-REGIONAL
PROJECT FOR LEADERS IN THE FIELD OF FOOD AND NUTRITION TO
BEGIN ON APRIL 20, 1975. THE THIRTY-DAY PROJECT WILL BEGIN
WITH A MULTI-REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FOOD AND NUTRITION WHICH
WILL EMPHASIZE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE AMONG THE
PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS WITH AMERICAN EXPERTS AND OFFICIALS.
LATER PHASES OF THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE TEN TO FIFTEEN
DAYS OF TRAVEL AND PROGRAMMING IN SMALLER TEAMS EMPHASIZING
PARTICIPANTS' SPECIAL INTERESTS, AN EVALUTION SESSION,
AND ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP TRAVEL FOR THOSE
ABLE TO REMAIN FOR THE FINAL WEEK. THE PROGRAM WILL
INCLUDE INSTITUTIONS AND AREAS MOST RELEVANT TO THE
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROBLEMS OF THE PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES.
POSTS INTERESTED IN NOMINATING CANDIDATES SHOULD INFORM
THE DEPARTMENT BY JANUARY 31 AND SUBMIT NOMINATIONS WITH
BIODATA AND SPECIAL INTERESTS BY MARCH 1. GRANT COSTS,
CHARGEABLE TO POST'S FY-1975 ALLOCATION, WILL BE SAME AS
FOR INDIVIDUAL IV GRANTS.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

1. TO DEMONSTRATE AMERICAN CONCERN FOR THE SERIOUSNESS
OF WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS BY FACILITATING THE INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE AMONG KEY FOREIGN
LEADERS CONCERNED WITH THESE PROBLEMS.
2. TO PROVIDE THESE LEADERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO
ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THOSE ASPECTS OF THE AMERICAN
EXPERIENCE IN THE AGRICULTURE-FOOD FIELD WHICH MAY BE
RELEVANT TO THEIR PROBLEMS AT HOME.

QUALIFICATIONS: INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED FOR THIS PROJECT

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SHOULD BE LEADERS IN THE FIELDS OF GOVERNMENT,
COMMUNICATIONS, AGRICULTURE, FOOD, ECONOMICS AND
NUTRITION WHO ARE INTENSELY INTERESTED IN AND INVOLVED
WITH THE PROBLEM OF EXPANDING THE WORLD FOOD SUPPLY AND/OR
INCREASING NUTRITIONAL LEVELS. THEY MUST HAVE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE COMPETENCE ADEQUATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR-
TYPE DISCUSSIONS OF COMPLEX ECONOMIC, AGRICULTURAL, AND
NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS. APPROPRIATE PARTICIPANTS MAY BE
FOUND AMONG VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES, INCLUDING
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS OF

EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION, AND EDITORS AND WRITERS CONCERNED WITH AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, THE INDIVIDUAL'S SPECIFIC POSITION IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN BROAD INTEREST, INFLUENCE, AND INVOLVEMENT WITH AGRICULTURAL, FOOD, AND NUTRITION PROBLEMS. SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS MAY NOT ACCOMPANY THE GRANTEE. CANDIDATES MUST BE ABLE TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS OF DIFFERING NATIONALITIES.

PROGRAM IN THE U.S. THE PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF THREE BASIC SEGMENTS:

A. MULTI-REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FOOD AND NUTRITION (APRIL 21 - 25): THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN WITH A SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON WHICH WILL CONCENTRATE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION PROBLEMS AROUND THE WORLD; U.S. EXPERIENCE WILL BE DISCUSSED ONLY TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT MAY BE RELEVANT TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE FOOD-DEFICIT NATIONS.

EACH PROJECT PARTICIPANT WILL BE REQUESTED TO PRESENT A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR FOOD AND NUTRITION PROBLEMS OF HIS COUNTRY. THE SEMINAR WILL STRESS EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE ON COMMON PROBLEMS AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS.

B. TEAM TRAVEL (APRIL 28 TO MAY 10): FOLLOWING THE SEMINAR THE PARTICIPANTS WILL DIVIDE INTO SEVERAL TEAMS FOR VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS AND AREAS RELEVANT TO THEIR SPECIAL INTERESTS. POSSIBLE TEAM THEMES INCLUDE: (A) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION, (B) AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND CREDIT, (C) FOOD PROCESSING AND NUTRITION, (D) EXPANDING PRODUCTION ON ARID LANDS, AND (E) EXPANDING
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PRODUCTION IN TROPICAL AGRICULTURE. HOWEVER, THE COMPOSITION OF AND PROGRAM FOR THE TEAMS WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THE INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES' BACKGROUNDS AND INTERESTS REQUESTED BELOW IS RECEIVED. THESE TEAM PROGRAMS WILL BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE IDEAS AND INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT TO SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROBLEMS OF THE PARTICIPANTS' COUNTRIES, RATHER THAN TO PROVIDE AN OVER-VIEW OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRIES.

C. FINAL-PHASE ACTIVITIES (MAY 11 - 19): THE PROJECT FORMAT WILL PERMIT SOME VISITORS WHO ARE UNABLE TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. FOR THE FULL THIRTY DAYS TO DEPART AT THE END OF THE THIRD WEEK FOLLOWING A PROJECT EVALUATION SESSION TO BE HELD IN CALIFORNIA AROUND MAY 10. THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO REMAIN FOR THE FOURTH WEEK WILL MAKE ADDITIONAL SMALL-GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL VISITS, WHICH WILL BE PLANNED AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.

TIMING: IN GENERAL, THIS PROJECT IS BEING SCHEDULED IN THE SPRING OF 1975 AS THE EARLIEST FEASIBLE RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE NEEDS DISCUSSED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. THE SPECIFIC APRIL-MAY TIMING IS INTENDED TO PLACE THE PROJECT WITHIN BOTH THE NORMAL GROWING SEASONS IN MOST AREAS AND THE SPRING TERMS OF UNIVERSITIES WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE TEAM PROGRAMS.

COST: FY-75 POST IV ALLOCATIONS WOULD BE CHARGED.

GRANTEES WOULD RECEIVE ROUNDTRIP ECONOMY JET OR EXCURSION RATE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION HOME TO WASHINGTON, D.C., 25 LBS. EXCESS BAGGAGE FOR RETURN TRIP 30 DAYS PER DIEM AT 35 DOLS, 35 DOLS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE EACH WAY, 50 DOLS EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ALLOWANCE, AND 515 DOLS U.S. INTERNAL TRAVEL (1685 DOLS PLUS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL). COST-SHARING IS ENCOURAGED, THOUGH IT SHOULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE A DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE CHOICE OF A NOMINEE. WHENEVER COST-SHARING IS ARRANGED, THE POST SHOULD INFORM THE GRANTEE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHARE OF HIS GRANT WILL DIFFER FROM THAT FOR OTHER GRANTEES. THE EXPENSES ABOVE ARE THE ONLY ONES TO
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BE CONSIDERED BY OTHER SOURCES.

ACTIONS REQUESTED:

1. POSTS INTERESTED IN NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF THIS INTEREST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30.

2. NOMINATIONS OF SPECIFIC CANDIDATES WHOSE AVAILABILITY TO PARTICIPATE HAS ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN MARCH 1; THESE NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN NON-TELEGRAPHIC FORM AND SHOULD INCLUDE CLEAR STATEMENTS OF THE VISITOR'S BACKGROUND AND OF HIS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SECTOR. THE POST'S SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMMING IN THE U.S. ARE ALSO REQUESTED, ALONG WITH RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRY. THESE STATEMENTS WILL BE USED IN DECIDING ON THE COMPOSITION AND PROGRAMMING OF THE SPECIAL-INTEREST TEAMS FOR THE TRAVELLING PHASE OF THE GROUP PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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